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Embassy Warsaw received a diplomatic note dated 01/23/2009 from the MFA announcing the GoP's approval of Antarctic Treaty Consultative Measures in advance of the U.S.-hosted 32nd ATCM, scheduled for April 2009. The original note will be sent via pouch to State L/T and the Polish Embassy in Washington will separately submit official notification. An unofficial Embassy translation of the original Polish text is as follows:

BEGIN TEXT

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Polish Republic presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Warsaw and has the honor to inform the Embassy that on January 15, 2009 the Council of Ministers of the Polish Republic passed six resolutions regarding approval of resources agreed by the respective Consultative Meetings of the Parties to the Antarctic Treaty, which took place during the period 2002-2007. The Ministry informs the Embassy that the Polish Republic has fulfilled all the necessary conditions required by Polish law for binding commitments to the aforementioned resources, according to the provisions of Article X, point 4 of the Treaty mentioned above.

Taking into consideration that the Government of the United States of America is the depositary of the Antarctic Treaty, the Embassy of the Polish Republic in Washington will soon submit official notification to this effect to the Department of State.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Polish Republic takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Warsaw the assurances of its highest consideration.

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